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Dear Les:

We have filed the issue fee in connection with the above-identified application and have also filed a Rule 312 amendment which incorporates the four claims attached to your letter of December 13, 1976. A copy of the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 is attached hereto.

We have also filed a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.60, as you requested us to do in your letter of December 13, 1976, and will look forward to suggestions from you with regard to appropriate claims in the divisional application.

Sincerely,

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